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SUBJECT: UNESCO: 105 EXBD: DG'S MEETING WITH PERM REPS

1. DDG MAYOR CHAIRED PERFUNCTORY SECRETARIAT BRIEFING FOR PERM REPS ON SEPT 12. APART FROM RITUALISTIC REVIEW OF 105 EXBD AGENDA (105 EX/1) BY STAFF, PERM REPS LEARNED THAT FOUR NEW ITEMS BEING ADDED, AND ONE DROPPED.

2. UNDER NEW ITEM 7.9, THE DG PROPOSES THAT UNESCO ENTER INTO RELATIONS WITH UNIDO. DOCUMENT HAS NOT YET BEEN RELEASED BUT WILL BE POUCHED AS SOON AS AVAILABLE. UNDER NEW ITEM 8.1.3 THE DG ASKS FOR AN INCREASE IN THE FUND FOR HOUSING LOANS FOR STAFF MEMBERS, TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT INFLATION. UNDER NEW ITEM 7.1.3 ("RECENT DECISIONS OF UN SYSTEM"), THE DG PROPOSES THAT RESULTS OF SPIN CONFERENCE BE SUBMITTED TO ECOSOC. ITEM 5.5.3 HAS BEEN DROPPED FROM THE AGENDA, BUT WILL BE TAKEN UP BY THE 106 EXBD.

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3. THE FOURTH ADDITION TO 105 EXBD AGENDA AS ITEM 9.3 CONCERNS NAMIBIA. IT IS A REQUEST FROM THE COUNCIL OF UN FOR NAMIBIA THAT "IT" BE GRANTED UNESCO MEMBERSHIP. UNESCO LEGAL ADVISOR HAS TOLD PERM DEL IT ADVISED CPX (WHICH HANDLING THIS ITEM) THAT UN NAMIBIA COUNCIL CAN NOT BE "LEGALLY" RECOGNIZED AS NAMIBIA, BUT THAT "NAMIBIA" ITSELF WOULD HAVE TO ENTER INTO RELATIONSHIP

WITH UNESCO. LEGAL ADVISOR ALSO RECALLED THAT FAO GRANTED NAMIBIA MEMBERSHIP ABOUT TWO YEARS AGO USING THIS FORMULA, AS DID THE ILO MORE RECENTLY. THUS, HE CONCLUDED, THERE ARE STRONG PRECEDENTS FOR ADMISSION OF NAMIBIA AS A MEMBER STATE TO UN SPECIALIZED AGENCIES, REGARDLESS OF FUZZY LEGAL GROUNDS FOR DOING SO. CPX STILL HAS NOT COMPLETED DOCUMENT ON THIS ITEM, BUT PERM DEL WILL AIRPOUCH AS SOON AS IT AVAILABLE. WE ASSUME AFRICANS WILL WATCH US RESPONSE TO THIS ITEM CAREFULLY, AND WEIGH IT IN ASSESSING THEIR ATTITUDE ON OTHER ITEMS OF IMPORTANCE TO US.

4. FINALLY, EXBD SECRETARY STEPANEK UNDERSCORED ITEM 6.3 CONCERNING 105 EXBD RECOMMENDATIONS TO 20 GC FOR COMMISSION CHAIRMEN, V. PRESIDENTS, AND PRESIDENT, WHO MAKE UP GC BUREAU. HE RECALLED THAT COMMISSION CHAIRMEN ARE SELECTED AS INDIVIDUALS. THEREFORE, IF THEY SUBSEQUENTLY FIND THEMSELVES UNABLE TO SERVE, CHAIRMEN WILL NOT BE REPLACED BY SOMEONE OF THEIR OWN NATIONALITY. V. PRESIDENTS, HOWEVER, REPRESENT STATES. PERM DEL ASSUMES DEPT INTENDS THAT US BE REPRESENTED IN THE BUREAU, AND THUS IS CAREFULLY PREPARING GROUNDWORK FOR 105 EXBD ITEM 6.3. TORRES

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